



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1615  
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03715.0109

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Jöel RICHARD et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1615  
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Application No.: 10/049,186 ) Examiner: Gollamudi S. Kishore  
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Filed: February 8, 2002 ) Confirmation No.: 8142  
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For: MICROPARTICLES FOR ) **Mail Stop AF**  
PULMONARY ADMINISTRATION )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 17, 2004, reconsideration of this application and reexamination of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on September 17, 2004, and are filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 herewith, together with a Petition for Extension of Time, extending the deadline for filing an Appeal Brief to December 17, 2004. This paper satisfies the requirement for a "submission" to accompany the RCE.

Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims at pages 2-11.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin at page 12.